



# The Grand Island Lion

## November 2024

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Wednesday November 13th  
Lions General Membership Meeting.  
Details TBA



Lions, you missed a great night with the Merritton Lions Club. While many of the regular Merritton Members couldn't make it for various reasons, the ones that did show up had a good time and went home with items to declare at the border. I want to thank Lion Dick for setting up the location and food. I want to thank Lions Kelly and Anne for the door prizes that we gave away.



All our snowbirds (or should I say snow lions) will be heading south for the winter soon. Lion Dave is already back in Florida. I hope they didn't have any damage from the recent hurricanes. And I know they will be helping with the recovery down there. Maybe they will report some activity that we can include in our reports.

November is Diabetes Awareness Month. November 14 is World Diabetes Day. Visit the international website Diabetes webpage to learn how we can help fight this global epidemic. Some of the statistics about the US:

37.3 million people, or 11.3% of the U.S. population, have diabetes.

Approximately 8.6 million people have diabetes but have not yet been diagnosed.

26.4 million people aged 65 years or older (48.8%) have prediabetes.

Type 2 diabetes makes up 90.9% or 21 million of all diabetes cases in the country.

Among US adults, diabetes rates increased from 10.3% in the 2001–2004 time period to 13.2% in the 2017–2020 period.

Your service, dedication, and tireless efforts make an incredible impact. Together, you embody the spirit of community and selflessness. Keep shining your light, as even the smallest acts of kindness resonate deeply and inspire others. Every step you take in service to others creates ripples of positive change. Let's continue to uphold our mission with pride, compassion, and unwavering commitment. We Serve.



**WE SERVE**

Lions President Jim Ryan



Henry

On September 30th, Lions Tom Witkowski and Dave Chervinsky travelled to Long Island NY to visit Former Lion Henry Lobl and presented him with a well deserved Melvin Jones Award for his outstanding service with our club that included two stints as Club President, Running a Diabetes program with Lion Annette along with being involved with numerous committees. Henry had over a year of various health issues and is living in an assisted living complex on Long Island to be closer to his Daughter. We enjoyed several days to reconnect and used the opportunity to connect with Lions Al Brandel and Dr. Maureen Murphy who established the Brandel Murphy Youth Foundation.



Lions Dave Chervinsky, Maureen Murphy, Al Brandel, and Tom Witkowski.



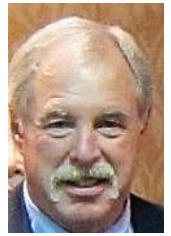
Three Musketeers



Henry with Daughter Beth Lobl Thompson and Partner Dan Provost.



Please return your empties to Bottle and Can Retrieval Center 2447 Grand Island Blvd, Grand Island, **Grand Island Can and Bottle Retrieval Center is now tracking our donations when items are left for them to credit our account.**



**Donations for the Neighbors Foundation are on the upswing so please continue to bring any of the listed items to our meetings or drop off Tops gift cards, food items and checks/cash to me and I will deliver to them. They are also in need of diapers, toiletries and personal care items.**

**Thank you, Lion Tom Rusert**

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Lion Tom Rusert

Thanks to Lions Tom Rusert, Donna Lavalley, Tom Witkowski, and Jim Ryan, for contributions to this newsletter. The deadline for the December Newsletter is Friday November 22nd. If you have material for the newsletter, you can e-mail it to Lion Dave Chervinsky, the editor/publisher at: [grandislandliondave@gmail.com](mailto:grandislandliondave@gmail.com).

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